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From the President's Desk

Bienvenue dans la dernière édition de notre newsletter,

À l'approche de l'hiver, votre comité a travaillé fort pour s'assurer de vous offrir de nombreux événements et activités qui célèbrent et promeuvent la langue et la culture françaises. Les petits déjeuners sont de retour, le premier samedi dernier matin chez moi. Des pâtisseries et un excellent café ont encore une fois alimenté la conversation.



Le Festival du film français a commencé. Pour fêter ça, nous vous invitons à assister à une soirée le 11 juin, avant la projection du film *Une sirène à Paris*. Cet événement débutera à 17h15 pour la projection de 18h. Ce film a ouvert le Festival du Film Français actuellement au Lido Cinéma et promet d'être un grand divertissement.

Notre événement Bastille Day sera célébré à la française à Sky City. De 18h à tard, vous aurez droit à une soirée de danse, de divertissement et une chance de gagner de superbes prix. J'ai vraiment hâte d'y être !

Et une note avant-gardiste - le 27 août à 19h30, votre Alliance organisera un concert à la chapelle Lady Goodfellow de l'Université de Waikato avec Maxime Zecchini, un pianiste français de renom spécialisé dans la musique pour la main gauche.

Et enfin, mais non des moindres, j'aimerais souhaiter la bienvenue à notre nouvelle administratrice, Marion King, qui a pris ses fonctions le mois dernier. Le comité est très heureux d'avoir Marion à bord.

Andrea

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OPERATION MACARONS

ALLIANCE FRANCAISE HAMILTON HELD THEIR "OPERATION MACARONS" AT THE CHARTWELL COOPERATING CHURCH HALL ON MAY 7, 2022.

This competition provided an incentive for many to have their first attempt at creating these delectable treats, and we had more entrants than last year's Tarte Tatin competition.

Judges Brent and Céline were most impressed with the entries and enjoyed the sampling, their judging watched carefully by the competitors and supporters. There was much discussion of the colour, texture and flavour of the shells and the fillings. The judges were kind enough to discuss and share tips with the competitors after judging.

Following the prize-giving, all enjoyed a sumptuous afternoon tea of macarons from all the competitors, and baguettes from The Grumpy Baker together with chouquettes and cannelés from Le Petit Choux.

Many thanks to the French Embassy for their support of the competition.



MONTHLY BREAKFAST

4TH JUNE

What a beautiful Saturday morning to resume our monthly breakfast!
We spoke some French, ate some pastries, had a hot drink...
What better way to spend a Saturday morning?
Come and join us for our next breakfast on July 2.



What is next?

Free Music Festival in Hamilton with French flair 18-19 June



We're celebrating the Fête de la Musique with live music around Hamilton!

Stop in and listen - it won't cost you a bean, because these musicians are playing for the love of it and to brighten up your day.

Our fête will be on the weekend of June 18-19 and is organised by the Hamilton Blues Society and the Alliance Française Hamilton. Venues will include Chartwell Shopping Centre, Waikato Commerce Club and our tradition of a blues stage at Bidy Mulligan's.

More details on performers and venues to come, but you can also keep an eye on the Fete de la Musique NZ - World Music Day Facebook page (click [HERE](#))

We'll be looking for "stage managers" for the day, so please let us know if you can oversee one of our venues and help direct the musicians who are coming and going. Contacts are Dean on dean24@hardrockers.com or Libby on libby.k8@gmail.com

Passing of Gerry Clark

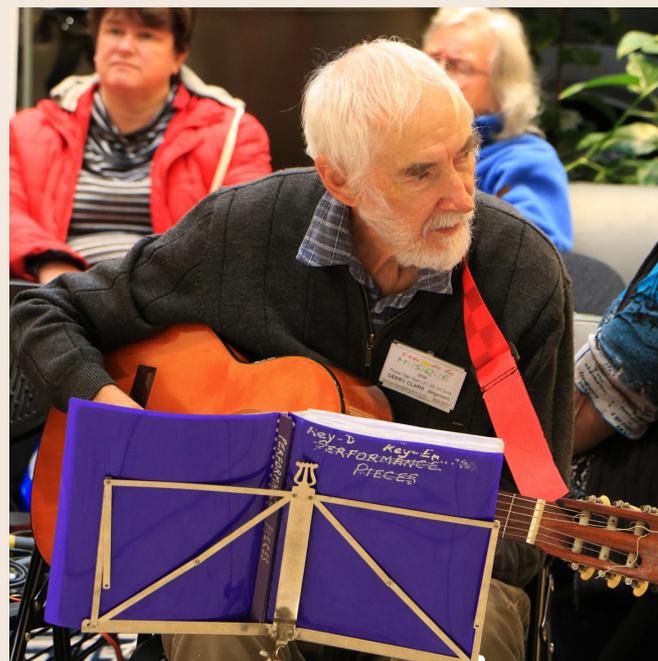
We're sad to let you know that longtime Alliance member and Fete de la Musique organiser extraordinaire Gerry Clark died on May 19.

Gerry was part of the Alliance for many years and a regular attendee at breakfasts - as long as he could work it around his golfing.

He was also the man who made the Fete de la Musique happen in Hamilton. As a keen musician, Gerry saw there was a French celebration dedicated to the love of live music and decided Hamilton needed its own version. He set about rustling up performers, including some of his own guitar pupils.

For several years, Gerry essentially single-handedly organised this free festival day, until his health declined.

As Gerry's family put it, he was a "musician, teacher and friend to many... Off to the great gig in the sky".



What is next?



French Film Festival - 11 June, 5.15 pm

Attention all lovers of French film – The 2022 French Film Festival is here!

Join Alliance Française Hamilton, for a soiree on June 11th at 5.15pm in the Lido Cinema foyer to precede a screening of the delightful film Une sirène a Paris (A Mermaid in Paris) at 6pm.

A crooner with a broken heart, Gaspard had sworn never to fall in love again, As for Lula, a pretty mermaid, she has only her singing voice to defend herself from men, making their hearts race until they explode!

For more info and to book your tickets, follow the link below. Spaces are limited! <https://www.afhamilton.org.nz/event-4840030>



Bastille Day - 15 July, 6 pm

JULY 14 IS NATIONAL DAY IN FRANCE.

IN OTHER WORDS: FIREWORKS, FIREFIGHTERS' BALL AND MILITARY PARADE!

On the committee of the Alliance Française Hamilton, we have ambition. We had thought about organising a fireworks display just for you but we had to face the facts: fireworks are not one of our talents. But we've got nerve to spare: we asked President Macron if he wouldn't have a tank or two to lend us... but here again, we hit a snag: delivery costs stopped us in our tracks! Accordingly, we still have the dance party and we know how to do that... but without the firefighters!



Come and join us on Friday, July 15, 2022, at SkyCity for an exceptional evening with the accents of a French-style village festival. Tickets are on sale on Eventbrite and at very low prices for our dear members.



Where does this tradition of the firefighters' ball come from? You should know that the firefighters' ball arrived quite late in France, in the 1930s. Although the ball itself has existed since the dawn of time. It then became more democratic under the Third Republic (1870-1940). At that time, the firefighter is a very important character. He represents the army at the service of the people. Therefore, he has always been associated naturally with the Bastille Day festivities. Whether it is to ensure that everything is going well during the fireworks or to parade in small towns without soldiers.

Tarte aux asperges et au jambon

By Emilie Duval

Ingredients:

Pastry:

- 190 g flour
- 90 g butter, chilled and cut into pieces
- 1 egg yolk
- 1 pinch of salt
- 20-30 ml cold water

Filling:

- 200 g fresh cream
- 100 g gruyere cheese, grated
- 1 onion, thinly sliced
- 1 bunch of asparagus, blanched
- 2 eggs
- Salt and pepper

Instructions:

1. In a bowl, place flour, salt and butter. With your hands, mix until it forms fine breadcrumbs. Add egg yolk and water, and blend until dough is formed. Wrap it and let it cool in the fridge for at least 30 minutes.
2. Preheat the oven to 180 degrees.
3. When ready to use, roll out the dough with a rolling pin, and fit it into a pie or tart pan. Line with baking paper, fill with pie weights and blind bake for 10 minutes.
4. Arrange asparagus over the pastry.
5. Whisk eggs, onion, ham, and 80g of cheese. Season with salt and pepper.
6. Carefully pour the filling over the asparagus. Sprinkle on the remaining cheese. Bake in the oven for 30 minutes.

Le sonnet de l'asperge par Charles Monselet

Oui, faisons lui fête !
Légume prudent,
C'est la note honnête
D'un festin ardent

J'aime que sa tête
Croque sous la dent,
Pas trop cependant.
énorme elle est bête.

Fluette, il lui faut
Plier ce défaut
Au rôle d'adjointe,

Et souffrir, mêlé
Au vert de sa pointe,
L'or de l'oeuf brouillé.

Les Poésies complètes, 1889

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your recipe by **Monday, 10th July** to alliancefrancaisehamilton@gmail.com



Cannes 2022

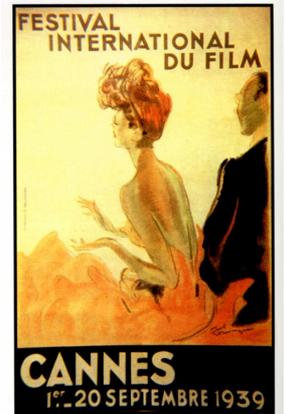
THE 75TH ANNUAL CANNES FILM FESTIVAL TOOK PLACE FROM 17 TO 28 MAY 2022

Being the 4th most-watched and most publicized global event, the festival and attracts stars, media and people from all over the world.

The first edition was planned to be held from 1 to 20 September 1939, with Louis Lumiere as honorary president.

On 31 August, the opening night gala took place, with Hollywood stars of the moment like Gary Cooper, Cary Grant, Mae West, Norma Shearer, etc. The next day, German troops invaded Poland. As a result, the festival was postponed, but the situation only worsened and the festival was cancelled.

In 2002, the organizers of the 2002 festival assembled a jury of six members to watch seven of the twelve features which had been entered in the 1939 competition. *Union Pacific* was retrospectively voted the winner of the 1939 Palme d'Or.



In 1946, the festival was relaunched from 20 September to 5 October 1946, and twenty-one countries presented their films at the First Cannes International Film Festival, which took place at the former Casino of Cannes.

In 1947, the "Festival du Film de Cannes" was held but met with serious problems of efficiency. The Festival was cancelled in 1948 and 1950 due to budgetary problems. In 1949, the Palais des Festivals was expressly constructed for the occasion on the seafront promenade of La Croisette. The inaugural roof, still unfinished, blew off during a storm.

In 1951, the festival was moved to spring to avoid direct competition with the Venice Festival which was held in autumn.

In 1954, the festival's board of directors invited several jewellers to submit designs for a palm, in tribute to the coat of arms of the city of Cannes. Lucienne Lazon's design was chosen. The first Palme d'Or was awarded to Delbert Mann for *Marty*. Until last year when Julia Ducournau won the Palme d'Or for *Titane*, only one female director had won it: New Zealander Jane Campion, for *The piano*, in 1993.

This year, the value of the Palme is estimated at 20,000 euros. It is made of 18-carat gold leaf and rests on a 1.2 kg rock crystal.



To be chosen for invitation in the official selection, films must meet several criteria. For example, they cannot be released anywhere other than their country of origin. They must not have been presented at any other international motion picture event. They must have been produced during the twelve months preceding the Festival. If participating in the "short film" category, films cannot exceed 15 minutes in length. Once a film has been selected it cannot be withdrawn from the Festival programme during the event.

At the heart of the festival, is the red carpet! There are 60 meters from the edge of the movie star gate to the top of the steps. To remain perfect for stars, photographers, and organizers, it is changed three times a day, during the 12 days of the Cannes Film Festival. In total, 2.160 kilometres of red carpet are required!

In 2020, the red carpet was replaced with a black after the terrorist attack in a church in Nice.



Every year, the following awards are given: The Palme d'Or, The Grand Prix, The award for the Best Director, The Jury Prize, The award for the Best Screenplay, The award for the Best Actress, The award for the Best Actor. The Palme d'Or can never be awarded jointly and no film can receive more than one award.

This year, Ruben Östlund won the Palme d'Or for his film *Triangle of Sadness*.